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1. FROM BUCHAREST PERSPECTIVE, WE SEE LITTLE NEW IN
CEAUSESCU'S MAY 21-23 VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. ROMANIAN
MEDIA COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE AND EXTREMELY WARM AS
EXPECTED, WITH FULL TEXTS OF TOASTS AT OFFICIAL DINNERS,
JOINT DECLARATIONS, AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE PROMINENTLY
FEATURED.

2. FROM JOINT DECLARATION (ASSUME FBIS HAS TEXT), WE
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NOTE RINGING ROMANIAN ENDORSEMENT OF PYONGYANG'S POSITION
ON KOREAN REUNIFICATION, INCLUDING SPECIFIC
APPROVAL OF NORTH KOREA'S THREE PRINCIPLES AND FIVE-
POINT PROGRAM, REJECTING OF ANY "TWO KOREAS" FORMULA,
CALL FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND
WEAPONS FROM THE SOUTH, AND PROMISE TO SUPPORT NORTH
KOREAN POSITION IN "DIFFERENT FORA AND INTERNATIONAL

MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS." THIS IS ABOUT AS CATEGORIC A STANCE AS THE ROMANIANS EVER TAKE.

3. JOINT DECLARATION ALSO HAS ROMANIA EXPRESSING ITS

"FULL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT OF EXISTANCE, DEMOCRATIZATION OF THEIR SOCIETY, AND INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THEIR COUNTRY." THIS IS CONSIDERABLY TONED DOWN FROM LANGUAGE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE RESULTING FROM CEAUSESCU'S 1971 NORTH KOREA VISIT WHICH INTER ALIA CONDEMNED THE UNITED STATES AND JAPANESE IMPERIALISM BY NAME FOR SUPPRESSING SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE.

4. IN RETURN, BEYOND EXTRAORDINARY MUTUAL BACKPATTING BETWEEN TWO LEADERS--CEAUSESCU IS "EMINENT LEADER OF ROMANIAN PEOPLE, PREEMINENT PERSONALITY OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT, OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL LIFE,"

--COMMUNIQUE APPEARS TO US TO RESPOND TO IMPORTANT ROMANIAN DESIDERATA IN TWO MAIN AREAS:

--INTRODUCTION AND PART TWO ARE REplete WITH HOSTILE REFERENCES TO "POLICY OF DOMINATION," "POLICY OF IMPERIALISM, OF FORCE AND DOMINATION, OF DIVIDING CONFIDENTIAL

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WORLD INTO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE," WHICH IS MAIN THEME OF ROMANIAN GLOBAL POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS SINCE CEAUSESCU'S DECEMBER NATIONAL CONFERENCE SPEECH;

--ENTIRE SECTION IS DEVOTED TO INTERPARTY RELATIONS AND RIGHTS CHANGES ON THEME OF WHICH ROMANIANS ARE PARTICULARLY FOND: AUTONOMY OF EACH PARTY IN DETERMINING OWN STRATEGY AND TACTICS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC LOCAL CONDITIONS. RELATIONS BETWEEN KOREAN AND ROMANIAN PARTIES ARE TO BE BASED ON "MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM," THOSE AMONG ALL PARTIES ON "MARXISM-LENINISM AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY," I.E. BERLIN DECLARATION FORMULA.

5. OTHERWISE, TWO MINOR AGREEMENTS SIGNED, OFFICIAL VOWS TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN RELATIONS BY EXCHANGING MORE DELEGATIONS AND INCREASING TRADE, AND PORTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES SEEM TO USE UNEXCEPTIONAL. IN PARTICULAR, MIDDLE EAST PASSAGE WAS STANDARD, WITH NO MENTION OF SADAT INITIATIVE.

6. COMMENT. COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZES ATMOSPHERE AS

ONE OF "WARM FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDER-
STANDING, AND "IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS DISCUSSED."
CEAUSESCU AND
CIM CLEARLY GET ALONG WELL PERSONALLY, AND CEAUSESCU
IS WIDELY BELIEVED HERE TO ADMIRE AND EMPATHIZE WITH
NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AS A SMALL COUNTRY LIVING
NEXT TO TWO GIANT NEIGHBORS. FURTHER, HE SEEMS TO
BELIEVE THERE IS MUCH IN NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE
WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO ROMANIA, A CONTENTION MOST OF
ROMANIA'S CITIZENS WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO DISPUTE.
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